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SUBJ: WEEK-END MEDIA REACTION TO CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

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1. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTUR SEPTEMBER 7 FRONT-PAGES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES DISPATCH FROM ITS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT ADNAN AL-KHATIB AND ITS DISPATCHED REPORTER IBRAHIM ABU NAB CONCERNING "NEW U.S. FORMULA AND AN EGYPTIAN PLAN." REPORTERS SAY THAT FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES TO SAFEGUARD REGION'S SECURITY. BEGIN RAISES LEBANESE ISSUE TO ABORT
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CONFERENCE. IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ARAB STRATEGY AFTER CAMP DAVID," AD-DUSTUR REPORTS THAT OBSERVERS BELIEVE SUMMIT WILL HAVE "FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES ON FUTURE OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, ALTHOUGH TRIPARTITE TALKS WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT." THE PAPER ADDS THAT EGYPT DOES NOT WANT TO NEGOTIATE THE "TERRITORIES AND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY WHILE ISRAEL IS ADVOCATING PARTIAL SOLUTIONS

WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE FUTURE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."
THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF U.N. RESOLUTION
242 WILL DETERMINE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF SUMMIT.

2. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RA'Y SEPTEMBER 7 FRONTPAGES
AND PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHTS UNDER BANNER HEADLINES REPORTS
BY VARIOUS NEWS AGENCIES ON PROGRESS OF SUMMIT. CITING NEWS
AGENCIES, THE PAPER SAYS SUMMIT BEGAN IN COMPLETE ISOLA-
TION FROM THE WORLD. SUMMIT WILL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE TWO
ISSUES, THE WEST BANK AND THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE. EDITORIALIZING ON SUMMIT, THE PAPER SAYS THAT
BEGIN ARRIVED AT CONFERENCE WITH STUBBORN MENTALITY AND
EXPANSIONIST IDEAS BASED ON HIS REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT
"NO ONE CAN GET ANYTHING FROM ISRAEL FOR NOTHING." THE
PAPER ADDS THAT BEGIN IS ONLY INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND EVERYTHING ELSE IS REJECTED BE-
CAUSE IT WILL THREATEN ISRAEL'S SECURITY. THE PAPER ADDS
THAT UNLESS WASHINGTON'S STAND CHANGES FROM ITS ATTEMPT TO
"CONTAIN THE CONFLICT" TO THAT OF "SETTLING THE CONFLICT,"
BEGIN WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS INTRANSIGENT POSITION.
THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT CONFEREES MUST REALIZE THAT
PEACE WILL NEVER BE ACHIEVED IN REGION THROUGH "BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS" BUT ONLY THROUGH ISRAEL'S FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT U.N.
RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING MIDEAST ISSUE.

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3. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AL-AKHBAR HIGHLIGHTS UNDER
BANNER HEADLINES OPENING OF SUMMIT "AMID STRINGENT SECURITY
MEASURES." QUOTING NEWS AGENCIES, THE PAPER REPORTS THE
OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE AND CARTER'S MEETINGS
WITH SADAT AND BEGIN. EDITORIALIZING ON ARAB AND ISRAELI
POSITIONS, AL-AKHBAR SAYS THAT SADAT WENT TO SUMMIT REPRE-
SENTING MODERATE ARAB STAND WHILE BEGIN AND HIS GOVERNMENT
REPRESENT FANATICS OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. THE PAPER ADDS
THAT BEGIN ENJOYS SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF THE ISRAELIS AND
NEGOTIATES WITH MENTALITY OF AN OCCUPIER. SADAT, THE
EDITORIAL ADDS, LACKS SUPPORT OF ARABS AND NEGOTIATES WHILE
HIS LAND IS OCCUPIED.

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JORDAN TIMES FRONTPAGES AND
HEADLINES FIRST JOINT MEETING BETWEEN PARTIES AT CAMP DAVID.
EDITORIALIZING ON EXPECTED RESULTS OF SUMMIT, THE PAPER
SAYS THAT ONE DOES NOT NEED TO WAIT FOR THE OFFICIALLY-AN-
NOUNCED RESULTS TO DECIDE WHETHER TALKS WERE SUCCESS OR
FAILURE. ALL WE NEED TO DO, THE PAPER ADDS, IS TO EXAMINE
PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND REPEATED DECLARATIONS OF EACH OF
THE THREE LEADERS. THE PAPER ADDS THAT SADAT WANTS BEGIN
TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE AND BEGIN SWEARS THAT HE WANTS

PEACE BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST GO ON AND ON.

5. PRESS SEPTEMBER 8 CONTINUES TO PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHT CAMP DAVID TALKS. QUOTING REUTERS AND AFP, ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RA'Y SAYS THAT SADAT AND BEGIN SUBMITTED THEIR POSITIONS AND CARTER JUST LISTENED. CONFEREES DISCUSSED EASY TOPICS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO MORE DIFFICULT ISSUES. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTUR FRONTPAGES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES A DISPATCH BY ITS SENIOR EDITOR IBRAHIM ABU NAB SENT TO COVER SUMMIT. THE DISPATCH SAYS: CARTER INSISTS ON DISCUSSING WEST BANK ISSUE FIRST. HAROLD BROWN ARRIVES UNEXPECTEDLY AT CONFERENCE. SADAT GOES ON A DRIVE IN COUNTRYSIDE AND REPORTERS THOUGHT HE HAD WITHDRAWN FROM CONFERENCE.
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6. EDITORIALIZING ON THE SUMMIT, AD-DUSTUR REPORTS THAT WHILE TALKS GO ON AT CAMP DAVID, ISRAELI ARTILLERY BOMBARDS SOUTHERN LEBANON AND PRESS REPORTS SPEAK ABOUT ISRAELI ARMY CONCENTRATIONS ON SYRIAN FRONT. THESE REPORTS, THE PAPER ADDS, REVEAL ISRAELI PLANS AND INTENTIONS TO TORPEDO SUMMIT TALKS. ISRAEL WANTS TO FORCE CONFEREES AT CAMP DAVID TO DISCUSS LEBANESE ISSUE BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS EMBARRASSED ISRAELI LEADERS BY INSISTING ON DISCUSSING PALESTINIAN ISSUE FIRST. THUS, THE EDITORIAL ADDS, ISRAEL'S AIM TO RAISE LEBANESE ISSUE ASSERTS ISRAEL'S POLICY OF PREVARICATIONS AND ENABLES IT TO AVOID DISCUSSING MAIN ISSUE OF PALESTINE. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE ISRAELI MANEUVERS REPRESENT A FLAGRANT CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER EFFORTS. THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT CARTER WILL NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO TORPEDO CONFERENCE.

7. AR-RA'Y EDITORIALIZES ON REPORTS ABOUT STATIONING U.S. FORCES ON WEST BANK AND SAYS THAT UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF HAROLD BROWN AT CAMP DAVID CONFIRMED THESE REPORTS. THE PAPER ADDS THAT IF SUMMIT IS ACTUALLY DISCUSSING THIS MATTER, THEN MIDEAST REGION WILL CONSTITUTE CONFRONTATION AREA BETWEEN TWO SUPERPOWERS, CONSEQUENTLY THE SUMMIT HAS ESCALATED TENSION IN REGC H Y # ON ARABS TO ACT

QUICKLY TO CONFRONT ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE AFTER THE SUMMIT. ARABS SHOULD UNITE THEIR MOVES TO WORK IN FAVOR OF ARAB IMUNTRIES.

8. JORDANIAN PAPERS SEPTEMBER 9 CONTINUE TO PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHT AND FRONTPAGE THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. UNDER BANNER HEADLINES, PAPERS BELIEVE RESOLUTION 242 MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. BEGIN WANTS TO NEGOTIATE SINAI ONLY. ARAB DIPLOMAT REVEALS U.S. PROPOSAL FOR WEST BANK.

9. COMMENTING ON RESOLUTION 242 AND THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RA'Y EDITORIALY REPORTS THAT ISRAEL IS STILL INSISTING ON BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONCERNED ARAB STATES, AIMING TO KEEP ARAB RANKS DIVIDED. THE PAPER ADDS THAT THIS TENDENCY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WILL LEAD US TO THE SAME VICIOUS CIRCLE WHICH IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF FAILURE. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT ISRAELI LEADERS WHO EARLIER MANAGED TO KEEP SITUATION IN A STATE

OF FLUX WILL BE ABLE TO ABORT ANY AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE
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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT ISSUE IS NOT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BUT WHETHER ISRAEL'S COMMITMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT THESE PRINCIPLES AND WHETHER AMERICA'S COMMITMENT IS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL IF LATTER REFUSES TO COMMIT ITSELF TO THESE PRINCIPLES.

10. EDITORIALIZING ON ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENT POSITION, ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTUR QUOTES ISRAELI SOURCES THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI DELEGATIONS HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND THAT BEGIN HAS PROPOSED U.N. RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE PAPER ADDS THAT TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER IS NOTHING NEW FOR IT WAS USED BY SADAT DURING HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT PEACE WAS NOT ACHIEVED OR EVEN PROGRESSED FOLLOWING SADAT'S VISIT. THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT OBSTACLE TO PEACE IS NOT A PSYCHOLOGICAL ONE BUT A BARRIER EMANATING FROM A "RACIST EXPANSIONIST IDEOLOGY ADOPTED BY ISRAELI LEADERSHIP." THE PAPER DESCRIBES BEGIN'S PROPOSAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AS A "NEW ISRAELI MANEUVER WHICH APPEARS TO BE LOGICAL BUT ACTUALLY IS MEANT TO STALL THE PEACE PROCESS." THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT IF BEGIN IS SINCERE IN HIS CALL FOR PEACE THEN HE SHOULD ANNOUNCE HIS INTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION 242 TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

11. EDITORIALIZING ON FIRST ROUND OF TALKS AT CAMP DAVID, ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JORDAN TIMES SAYS THAT SADAT HAS WON THIS ROUND, BECAUSE U.S. IS PLAYING A ROLE OF FULL PARTNER WHICH IS WHAT SADAT HAS BEEN ADVOCATING. THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ROLE MUST BE AN ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE THE IMPASSABLE GAP SEPARATING THE DECLARED EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS... AND THAT THE U.S. SHOULD PLAY AN ACTIVE BUT OBJECTIVE BALANCED ROLE IF THIS NEW AMERICAN EFFORT WILL SUCCEED. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY DESCRIBING THIS NEW AMERICAN ROLE AS A LAST PETROL STATION TO OFFER FUEL TO THE PEACE VEHICLE WHICH IF IT
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